



**LANGLEY
POLICY
DIRECTIVE**

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Responsible Office: Security Office, OSEM

SUBJECT: Firearms and Dangerous Weapons Policy

1. POLICY

No firearms or dangerous weapons of any kind, concealed or otherwise, are permitted on Langley Research Center (LaRC) property, except as noted in Section 4, Exceptions, below, and for authorized law enforcement purposes. In addition, Section 930 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code makes it a crime to possess firearms or other dangerous weapons on a Federal facility except in very limited circumstances such as in the lawful performance of official duties by a law enforcement officer or a NASA security official.

2. APPLICABILITY

LaRC policy and the Federal law are applicable to all persons, including civil service, contract personnel, and visitors to LaRC.

Virginia law, VA Code Ann. Section 18.2-308, allows a citizen to apply for and, upon approval, receive a permit allowing the applicant to carry a concealed firearm. The possession of a permit, however, does not release the permit holder from complying with any other Federal, State or Local law, ordinance or regulation. Specifically, a concealed weapon permit does not supersede the LaRC prohibition against the possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on LaRC. A weapons permit does not constitute approval for or permission to bring a firearm onto Federal government property.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

All persons are responsible for compliance. Questions should be directed to the Security Office (SO), Office of Security and Environmental Management (OSEM), and the Office of Safety and Facility Assurance (OSFA), Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (OSMA).

4. EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to the general prohibition against possessing firearms and dangerous weapons on LaRC will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for exceptions must be prepared for the review and approval of the Deputy Director and routed through OSFA, OSMA and the SO, OSEM. Further, such approval will be granted subject to all applicable local, State, or Federal laws including, but not limited to, the receipt of an exception permit from the Hampton Chief of Police for events within areas of the Center over which the State of Virginia also has jurisdiction.

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5. VIOLATIONS

Violation of the firearms and other dangerous weapons policy may be processed as judicial or administrative issues, or both.

Criminal penalties are addressed in Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 930(a) which states: "whoever knowingly possesses or causes to be present a firearm or other dangerous weapons in a Federal facility, . . . or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 1 year or both."

6. RECISION

LAPD 1600.4, dated January 21, 1997.

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